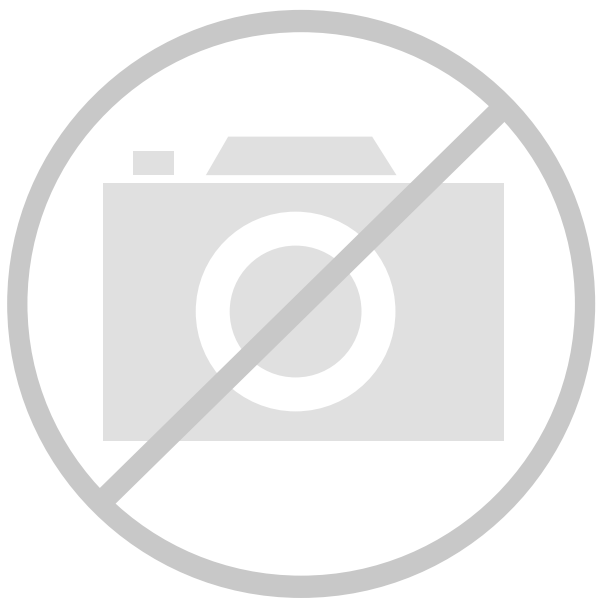




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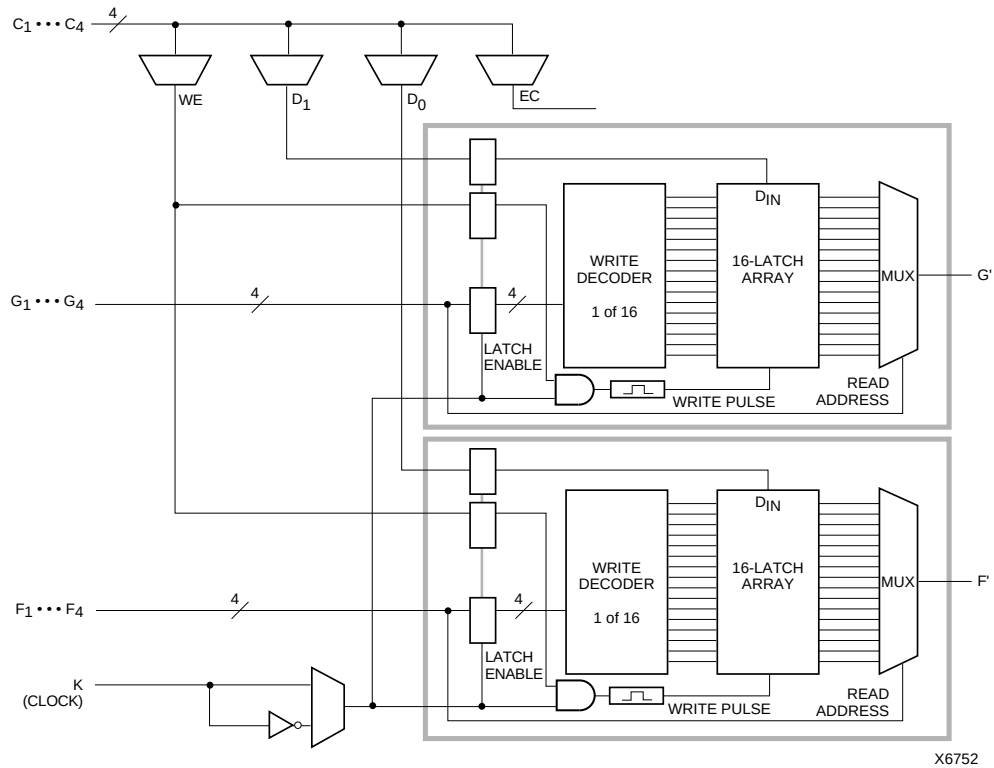
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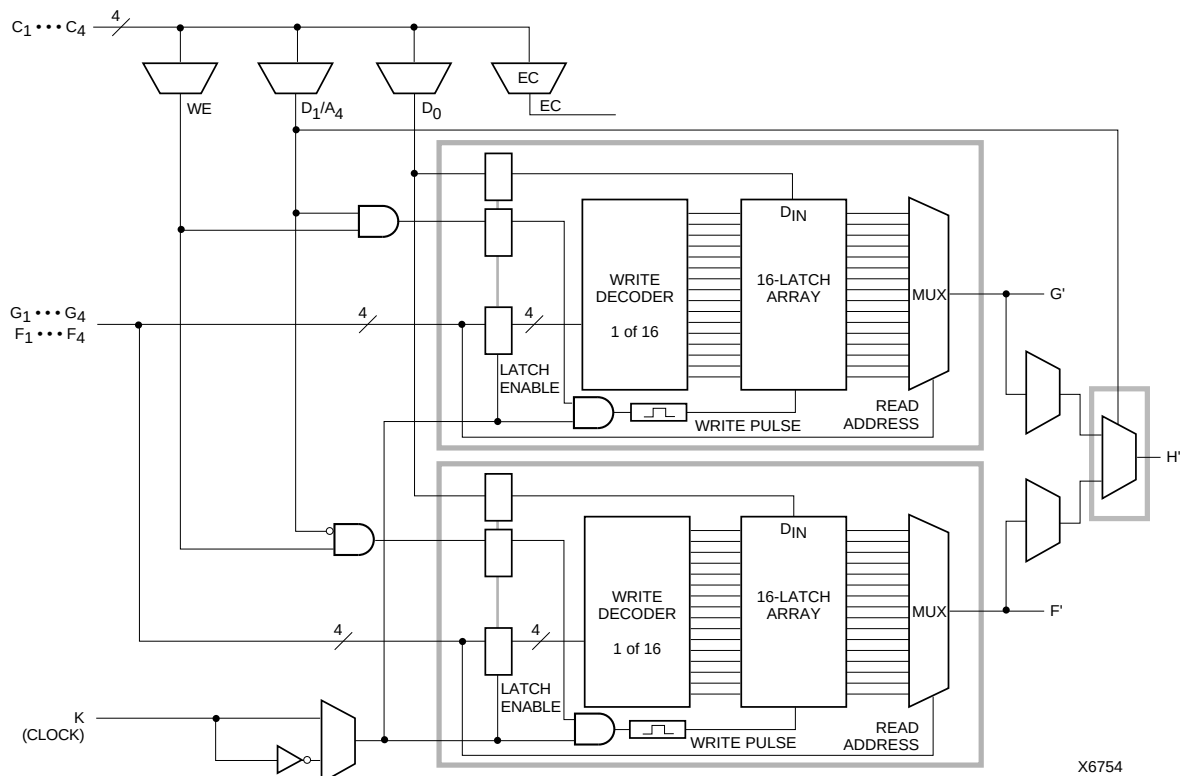
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Number of Logic Elements/Cells	770
Total RAM Bits	10368
Number of I/O	129
Number of Gates	8000
Voltage - Supply	4.75V ~ 5.25V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	160-BQFP
Supplier Device Package	160-PQFP (28x28)
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Figure 4: 16x2 (or 16x1) Edge-Triggered Single-Port RAM



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Figure 5: 32x1 Edge-Triggered Single-Port RAM (F and G addresses are identical)

Dual-Port Edge-Triggered Mode

In dual-port mode, both the F and G function generators are used to create a single 16x1 RAM array with one write port and two read ports. The resulting RAM array can be read and written simultaneously at two independent addresses. Simultaneous read and write operations at the same address are also supported.

Dual-port mode always has edge-triggered write timing, as shown in [Figure 3](#).

[Figure 6](#) shows a simple model of an XC4000 Series CLB configured as dual-port RAM. One address port, labeled A[3:0], supplies both the read and write address for the F function generator. This function generator behaves the same as a 16x1 single-port edge-triggered RAM array. The RAM output, Single Port Out (SPO), appears at the F function generator output. SPO, therefore, reflects the data at address A[3:0].

The other address port, labeled DPRA[3:0] for Dual Port Read Address, supplies the read address for the G function generator. The write address for the G function generator, however, comes from the address A[3:0]. The output from this 16x1 RAM array, Dual Port Out (DPO), appears at the G function generator output. DPO, therefore, reflects the data at address DPRA[3:0].

Therefore, by using A[3:0] for the write address and DPRA[3:0] for the read address, and reading only the DPO output, a FIFO that can read and write simultaneously is easily generated. Simultaneous access doubles the effective throughput of the FIFO.

The relationships between CLB pins and RAM inputs and outputs for dual-port, edge-triggered mode are shown in [Table 6](#). See [Figure 7 on page 16](#) for a block diagram of a CLB configured in this mode.

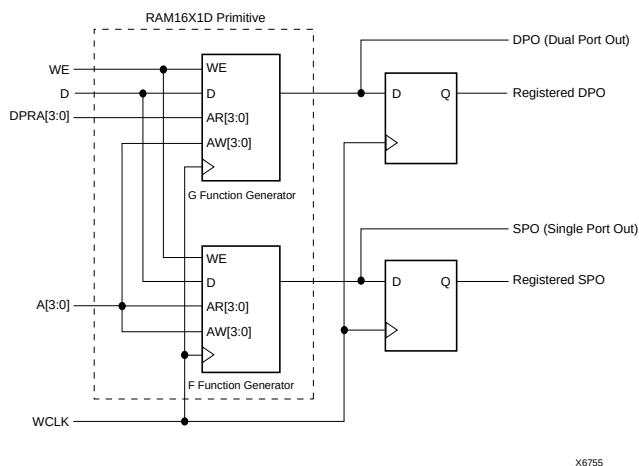


Figure 6: XC4000 Series Dual-Port RAM, Simple Model

Table 6: Dual-Port Edge-Triggered RAM Signals

RAM Signal	CLB Pin	Function
D	D0	Data In
A[3:0]	F1-F4	Read Address for F, Write Address for F and G
DPRA[3:0]	G1-G4	Read Address for G
WE	WE	Write Enable
WCLK	K	Clock
SPO	F'	Single Port Out (addressed by A[3:0])
DPO	G'	Dual Port Out (addressed by DPRA[3:0])

Note: The pulse following the active edge of WCLK (T_{WPS} in [Figure 3](#)) must be less than one millisecond wide. For most applications, this requirement is not overly restrictive; however, it must not be forgotten. Stopping WCLK at this point in the write cycle could result in excessive current and even damage to the larger devices if many CLBs are configured as edge-triggered RAM.

Single-Port Level-Sensitive Timing Mode

Note: Edge-triggered mode is recommended for all new designs. Level-sensitive mode, also called asynchronous mode, is still supported for XC4000 Series backward-compatibility with the XC4000 family.

Level-sensitive RAM timing is simple in concept but can be complicated in execution. Data and address signals are presented, then a positive pulse on the write enable pin (WE) performs a write into the RAM at the designated address. As indicated by the "level-sensitive" label, this RAM acts like a latch. During the WE High pulse, changing the data lines results in new data written to the old address. Changing the address lines while WE is High results in spurious data written to the new address—and possibly at other addresses as well, as the address lines inevitably do not all change simultaneously.

The user must generate a carefully timed WE signal. The delay on the WE signal and the address lines must be carefully verified to ensure that WE does not become active until after the address lines have settled, and that WE goes inactive before the address lines change again. The data must be stable before and after the falling edge of WE.

In practical terms, WE is usually generated by a 2X clock. If a 2X clock is not available, the falling edge of the system clock can be used. However, there are inherent risks in this approach, since the WE pulse must be guaranteed inactive before the next rising edge of the system clock. Several older application notes are available from Xilinx that discuss the design of level-sensitive RAMs.

However, the edge-triggered RAM available in the XC4000 Series is superior to level-sensitive RAM for almost every application.

Table 8: Supported Sources for XC4000 Series Device Inputs

Source	XC4000E/EX Series Inputs		XC4000XL Series Inputs
	5 V, TTL	5 V, CMOS	3.3 V CMOS
Any device, V _{cc} = 3.3 V, CMOS outputs	✓	Unreliable Data	✓
XC4000 Series, V _{cc} = 5 V, TTL outputs	✓		✓
Any device, V _{cc} = 5 V, TTL outputs (V _{oh} ≤ 3.7 V)	✓		✓
Any device, V _{cc} = 5 V, CMOS outputs	✓	✓	✓

XC4000XL 5-Volt Tolerant I/Os

The I/Os on the XC4000XL are fully 5-volt tolerant even though the V_{CC} is 3.3 volts. This allows 5 V signals to directly connect to the XC4000XL inputs without damage, as shown in [Table 8](#). In addition, the 3.3 volt V_{CC} can be applied before or after 5 volt signals are applied to the I/Os. This makes the XC4000XL immune to power supply sequencing problems.

Registered Inputs

The I1 and I2 signals that exit the block can each carry either the direct or registered input signal.

The input and output storage elements in each IOB have a common clock enable input, which, through configuration, can be activated individually for the input or output flip-flop, or both. This clock enable operates exactly like the EC pin on the XC4000 Series CLB. It cannot be inverted within the IOB.

The storage element behavior is shown in [Table 9](#).

Table 9: Input Register Functionality (active rising edge is shown)

Mode	Clock	Clock Enable	D	Q
Power-Up or GSR	X	X	X	SR
Flip-Flop		1*	D	D
	0	X	X	Q
Latch	1	1*	X	Q
	0	1*	D	D
Both	X	0	X	Q

Legend:

X 

SR

0*

1*

Don't care
Rising edge

Set or Reset value. Reset is default.

Input is Low or unconnected (default value)

Input is High or unconnected (default value)

Optional Delay Guarantees Zero Hold Time

The data input to the register can optionally be delayed by several nanoseconds. With the delay enabled, the setup time of the input flip-flop is increased so that normal clock routing does not result in a positive hold-time requirement. A positive hold time requirement can lead to unreliable, temperature- or processing-dependent operation.

The input flip-flop setup time is defined between the data measured at the device I/O pin and the clock input at the IOB (not at the clock pin). Any routing delay from the device clock pin to the clock input of the IOB must, therefore, be subtracted from this setup time to arrive at the real setup time requirement relative to the device pins. A short specified setup time might, therefore, result in a negative setup time at the device pins, i.e., a positive hold-time requirement.

When a delay is inserted on the data line, more clock delay can be tolerated without causing a positive hold-time requirement. Sufficient delay eliminates the possibility of a data hold-time requirement at the external pin. The maximum delay is therefore inserted as the default.

The XC4000E IOB has a one-tap delay element: either the delay is inserted (default), or it is not. The delay guarantees a zero hold time with respect to clocks routed through any of the XC4000E global clock buffers. (See [“Global Nets and Buffers \(XC4000E only\)” on page 35](#) for a description of the global clock buffers in the XC4000E.) For a shorter input register setup time, with non-zero hold, attach a NODELAY attribute or property to the flip-flop.

The XC4000X IOB has a two-tap delay element, with choices of a full delay, a partial delay, or no delay. The attributes or properties used to select the desired delay are shown in [Table 10](#). The choices are no added attribute, MEDDELAY, and NODELAY. The default setting, with no added attribute, ensures no hold time with respect to any of the XC4000X clock buffers, including the Global Low-Skew buffers. MEDDELAY ensures no hold time with respect to the Global Early buffers. Inputs with NODELAY may have a positive hold time with respect to all clock buffers. For a description of each of these buffers, see [“Global Nets and Buffers \(XC4000X only\)” on page 37](#).

Table 10: XC4000X IOB Input Delay Element

Value	When to Use
full delay (default, no attribute added)	Zero Hold with respect to Global Low-Skew Buffer, Global Early Buffer
MEDDELAY	Zero Hold with respect to Global Early Buffer
NODELAY	Short Setup, positive Hold time

Additional Input Latch for Fast Capture (XC4000X only)

The XC4000X IOB has an additional optional latch on the input. This latch, as shown in [Figure 16](#), is clocked by the output clock — the clock used for the output flip-flop — rather than the input clock. Therefore, two different clocks can be used to clock the two input storage elements. This additional latch allows the very fast capture of input data, which is then synchronized to the internal clock by the IOB flip-flop or latch.

To use this Fast Capture technique, drive the output clock pin (the Fast Capture latching signal) from the output of one of the Global Early buffers supplied in the XC4000X. The second storage element should be clocked by a Global Low-Skew buffer, to synchronize the incoming data to the internal logic. (See [Figure 17](#).) These special buffers are described in “Global Nets and Buffers (XC4000X only)” on [page 37](#).

The Fast Capture latch (FCL) is designed primarily for use with a Global Early buffer. For Fast Capture, a single clock signal is routed through both a Global Early buffer and a Global Low-Skew buffer. (The two buffers share an input pad.) The Fast Capture latch is clocked by the Global Early buffer, and the standard IOB flip-flop or latch is clocked by the Global Low-Skew buffer. This mode is the safest way to use the Fast Capture latch, because the clock buffers on both storage elements are driven by the same pad. There is no external skew between clock pads to create potential problems.

To place the Fast Capture latch in a design, use one of the special library symbols, ILFFX or ILFLX. ILFFX is a transparent-Low Fast Capture latch followed by an active-High input flip-flop. ILFLX is a transparent-Low Fast Capture latch followed by a transparent-High input latch. Any of the clock inputs can be inverted before driving the library element, and the inverter is absorbed into the IOB. If a single BUFG output is used to drive both clock inputs, the software automatically runs the clock through both a Global Low-Skew buffer and a Global Early buffer, and clocks the Fast Capture latch appropriately.

[Figure 16 on page 21](#) also shows a two-tap delay on the input. By default, if the Fast Capture latch is used, the Xilinx software assumes a Global Early buffer is driving the clock, and selects MEDDELAY to ensure a zero hold time. Select

the desired delay based on the discussion in the previous subsection.

IOB Output Signals

Output signals can be optionally inverted within the IOB, and can pass directly to the pad or be stored in an edge-triggered flip-flop. The functionality of this flip-flop is shown in [Table 11](#).

An active-High 3-state signal can be used to place the output buffer in a high-impedance state, implementing 3-state outputs or bidirectional I/O. Under configuration control, the output (OUT) and output 3-state (T) signals can be inverted. The polarity of these signals is independently configured for each IOB.

The 4-mA maximum output current specification of many FPGAs often forces the user to add external buffers, which are especially cumbersome on bidirectional I/O lines. The XC4000E and XC4000EX/XL devices solve many of these problems by providing a guaranteed output sink current of 12 mA. Two adjacent outputs can be interconnected externally to sink up to 24 mA. The XC4000E and XC4000EX/XL FPGAs can thus directly drive buses on a printed circuit board.

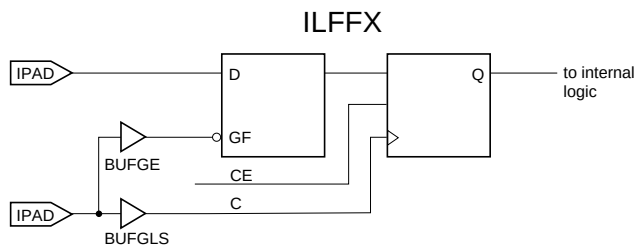
By default, the output pull-up structure is configured as a TTL-like totem-pole. The High driver is an n-channel pull-up transistor, pulling to a voltage one transistor threshold below Vcc. Alternatively, the outputs can be globally configured as CMOS drivers, with p-channel pull-up transistors pulling to Vcc. This option, applied using the bitstream generation software, applies to all outputs on the device. It is not individually programmable. In the XC4000XL, all outputs are pulled to the positive supply rail.

Table 11: Output Flip-Flop Functionality (active rising edge is shown)

Mode	Clock	Clock Enable	T	D	Q
Power-Up or GSR	X	X	0*	X	SR
Flip-Flop	X	0	0*	X	Q
		1*	0*	D	D
	X	X	1	X	Z
	0	X	0*	X	Q

Legend:

X Don't care
 Rising edge
 SR Set or Reset value. Reset is default.
 0* Input is Low or unconnected (default value)
 1* Input is High or unconnected (default value)
 Z 3-state



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Figure 17: Examples Using XC4000X FCL

The oscillator output is optionally available after configuration. Any two of four resynchronized taps of a built-in divider are also available. These taps are at the fourth, ninth, fourteenth and nineteenth bits of the divider. Therefore, if the primary oscillator output is running at the nominal 8 MHz, the user has access to an 8 MHz clock, plus any two of 500 kHz, 16kHz, 490Hz and 15Hz (up to 10% lower for low-voltage devices). These frequencies can vary by as much as -50% or +25%.

These signals can be accessed by placing the OSC4 library element in a schematic or in HDL code (see [Figure 24](#)).

The oscillator is automatically disabled after configuration if the OSC4 symbol is not used in the design.

Programmable Interconnect

All internal connections are composed of metal segments with programmable switching points and switching matrices to implement the desired routing. A structured, hierarchical matrix of routing resources is provided to achieve efficient automated routing.

The XC4000E and XC4000X share a basic interconnect structure. XC4000X devices, however, have additional routing not available in the XC4000E. The extra routing resources allow high utilization in high-capacity devices. All XC4000X-specific routing resources are clearly identified throughout this section. Any resources not identified as XC4000X-specific are present in all XC4000 Series devices.

This section describes the varied routing resources available in XC4000 Series devices. The implementation software automatically assigns the appropriate resources based on the density and timing requirements of the design.

Interconnect Overview

There are several types of interconnect.

- CLB routing is associated with each row and column of the CLB array.
- IOB routing forms a ring (called a VersaRing) around the outside of the CLB array. It connects the I/O with the internal logic blocks.

- Global routing consists of dedicated networks primarily designed to distribute clocks throughout the device with minimum delay and skew. Global routing can also be used for other high-fanout signals.

Five interconnect types are distinguished by the relative length of their segments: single-length lines, double-length lines, quad and octal lines (XC4000X only), and longlines. In the XC4000X, direct connects allow fast data flow between adjacent CLBs, and between IOBs and CLBs.

Extra routing is included in the IOB pad ring. The XC4000X also includes a ring of octal interconnect lines near the IOBs to improve pin-swapping and routing to locked pins.

XC4000E/X devices include two types of global buffers. These global buffers have different properties, and are intended for different purposes. They are discussed in detail later in this section.

CLB Routing Connections

A high-level diagram of the routing resources associated with one CLB is shown in [Figure 25](#). The shaded arrows represent routing present only in XC4000X devices.

[Table 14](#) shows how much routing of each type is available in XC4000E and XC4000X CLB arrays. Clearly, very large designs, or designs with a great deal of interconnect, will route more easily in the XC4000X. Smaller XC4000E designs, typically requiring significantly less interconnect, do not require the additional routing.

[Figure 27 on page 30](#) is a detailed diagram of both the XC4000E and the XC4000X CLB, with associated routing. The shaded square is the programmable switch matrix, present in both the XC4000E and the XC4000X. The L-shaped shaded area is present only in XC4000X devices. As shown in the figure, the XC4000X block is essentially an XC4000E block with additional routing.

CLB inputs and outputs are distributed on all four sides, providing maximum routing flexibility. In general, the entire architecture is symmetrical and regular. It is well suited to established placement and routing algorithms. Inputs, outputs, and function generators can freely swap positions within a CLB to avoid routing congestion during the placement and routing operation.

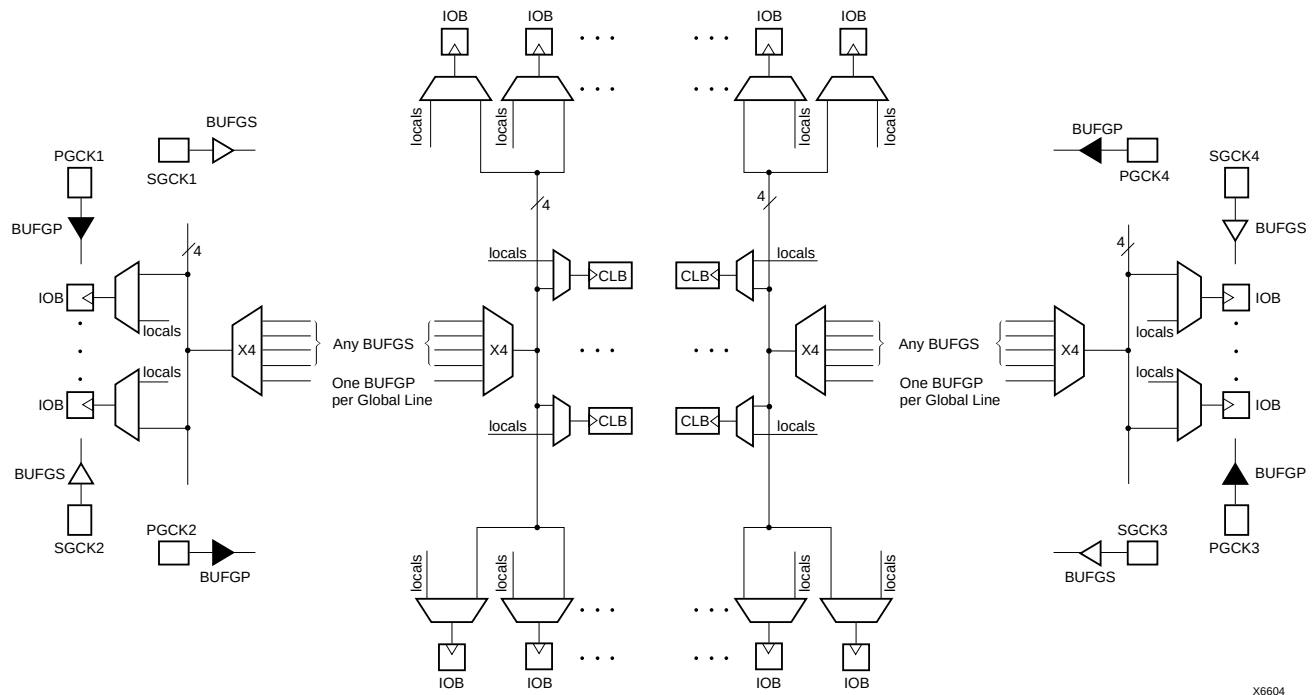


Figure 34: XC4000E Global Net Distribution

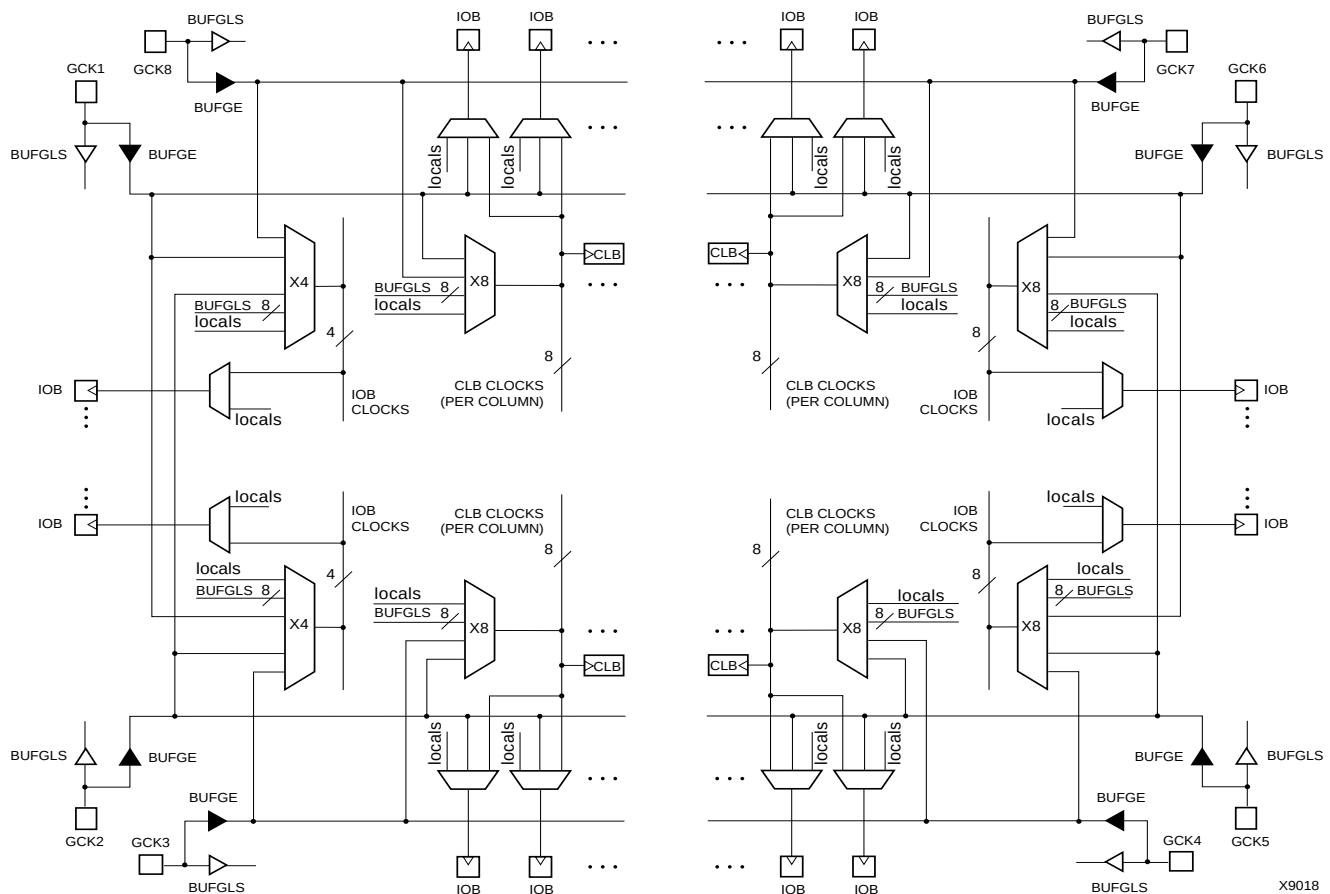


Figure 35: XC4000X Global Net Distribution

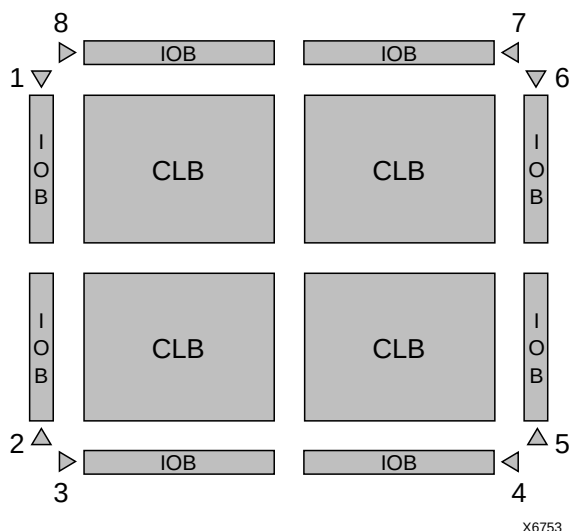


Figure 36: Any BUFGLS (GCK1 - GCK8) Can Drive Any or All Clock Inputs on the Device

Global Early Buffers

Each corner of the XC4000X device has two Global Early buffers. The primary purpose of the Global Early buffers is to provide an earlier clock access than the potentially heavily-loaded Global Low-Skew buffers. A clock source applied to both buffers will result in the Global Early clock edge occurring several nanoseconds earlier than the Global Low-Skew buffer clock edge, due to the lighter loading.

Global Early buffers also facilitate the fast capture of device inputs, using the Fast Capture latches described in **"IOB Input Signals"** on page 20. For Fast Capture, take a single clock signal, and route it through both a Global Early buffer and a Global Low-Skew buffer. (The two buffers share an input pad.) Use the Global Early buffer to clock the Fast Capture latch, and the Global Low-Skew buffer to clock the normal input flip-flop or latch, as shown in **Figure 17** on page 23.

The Global Early buffers can also be used to provide a fast Clock-to-Out on device output pins. However, an early clock in the output flip-flop IOB must be taken into consideration when calculating the internal clock speed for the design.

The Global Early buffers at the left and right edges of the chip have slightly different capabilities than the ones at the top and bottom. Refer to **Figure 37**, **Figure 38**, and **Figure 35** on page 36 while reading the following explanation.

Each Global Early buffer can access the eight vertical Global lines for all CLBs in the quadrant. Therefore, only one-fourth of the CLB clock pins can be accessed. This restriction is in large part responsible for the faster speed of the buffers, relative to the Global Low-Skew buffers.

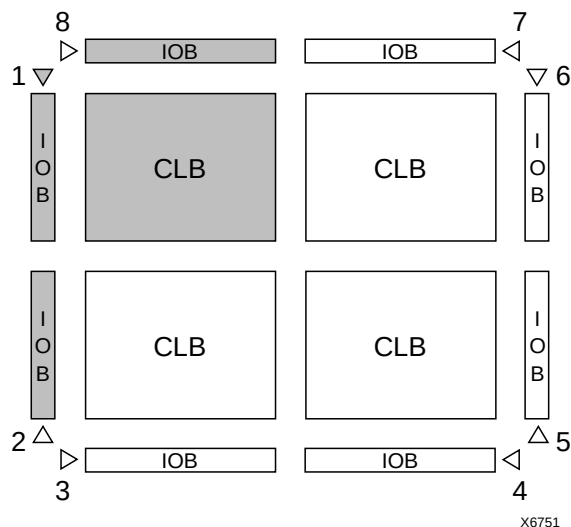


Figure 37: Left and Right BUFGEs Can Drive Any or All Clock Inputs in Same Quadrant or Edge (GCK1 is shown. GCK2, GCK5 and GCK6 are similar.)

The left-side Global Early buffers can each drive two of the four vertical lines accessing the IOBs on the entire left edge of the device. The right-side Global Early buffers can each drive two of the eight vertical lines accessing the IOBs on the entire right edge of the device. (See **Figure 37**.)

Each left and right Global Early buffer can also drive half of the IOBs along either the top or bottom edge of the device, using a dedicated line that can only be accessed through the Global Early buffers.

The top and bottom Global Early buffers can drive half of the IOBs along either the left or right edge of the device, as shown in **Figure 38**. They can only access the top and bottom IOBs via the CLB global lines.

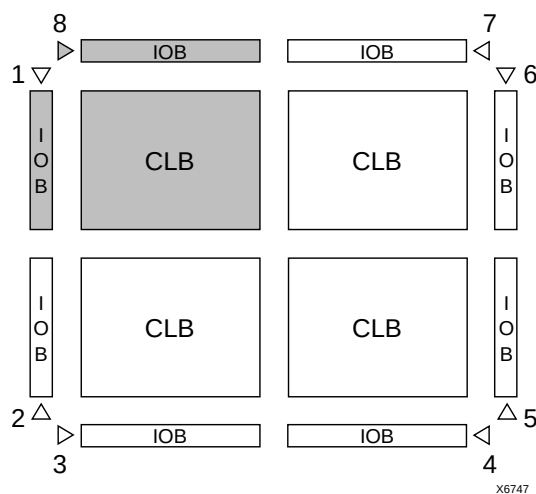


Figure 38: Top and Bottom BUFGEs Can Drive Any or All Clock Inputs in Same Quadrant (GCK8 is shown. GCK3, GCK4 and GCK7 are similar.)

Figure 41 on page 44 is a diagram of the XC4000 Series boundary scan logic. It includes three bits of Data Register per IOB, the IEEE 1149.1 Test Access Port controller, and the Instruction Register with decodes.

XC4000 Series devices can also be configured through the boundary scan logic. See "Readback" on page 55.

Data Registers

The primary data register is the boundary scan register. For each IOB pin in the FPGA, bonded or not, it includes three bits for In, Out and 3-State Control. Non-IOB pins have appropriate partial bit population for In or Out only. PROGRAM, CCLK and DONE are not included in the boundary scan register. Each EXTEST CAPTURE-DR state captures all In, Out, and 3-state pins.

The data register also includes the following non-pin bits: TDO.T, and TDO.O, which are always bits 0 and 1 of the

data register, respectively, and BSCANT.UPD, which is always the last bit of the data register. These three boundary scan bits are special-purpose Xilinx test signals.

The other standard data register is the single flip-flop BYPASS register. It synchronizes data being passed through the FPGA to the next downstream boundary scan device.

The FPGA provides two additional data registers that can be specified using the BSCAN macro. The FPGA provides two user pins (BSCAN.SEL1 and BSCAN.SEL2) which are the decodes of two user instructions. For these instructions, two corresponding pins (BSCAN.TDO1 and BSCAN.TDO2) allow user scan data to be shifted out on TDO. The data register clock (BSCAN.DRCK) is available for control of test logic which the user may wish to implement with CLBs. The NAND of TCK and RUN-TEST-IDLE is also provided (BSCAN.IDLE).

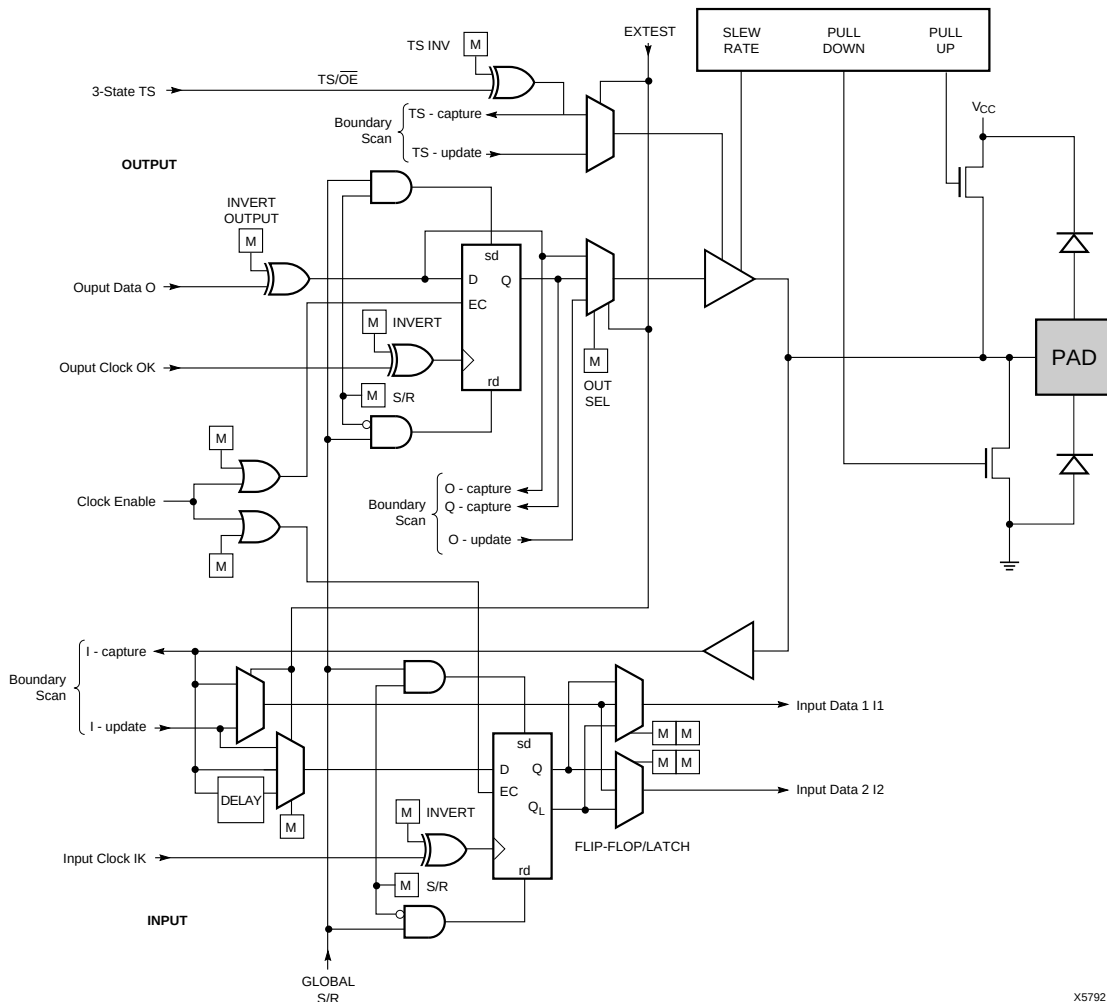
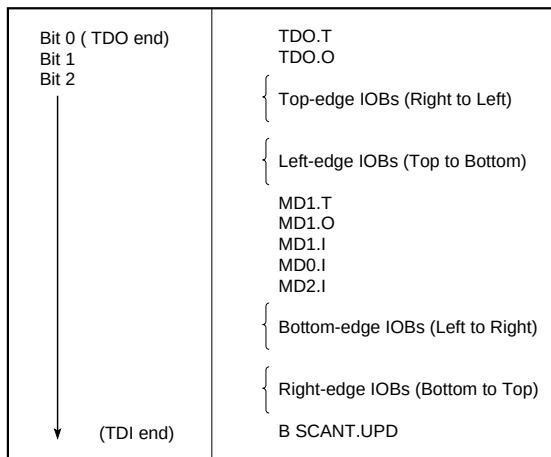


Figure 40: Block Diagram of XC4000E IOB with Boundary Scan (some details not shown). XC4000X Boundary Scan Logic is Identical.

Table 17: Boundary Scan Instructions

Instruction	I2	I1	I0	Test Selected	TDO Source	I/O Data Source
0	0	0	0	EXTEST	DR	DR
0	0	1	1	SAMPLE/PR ELOAD	DR	Pin/Logic
0	1	0	0	USER 1	BSCAN. TDO1	User Logic
0	1	1	1	USER 2	BSCAN. TDO2	User Logic
1	0	0	0	READBACK	Readback Data	Pin/Logic
1	0	1	1	CONFIGURE	DOUT	Disabled
1	1	0	0	Reserved	—	—
1	1	1	1	BYPASS	Bypass Register	—



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Figure 42: Boundary Scan Bit Sequence

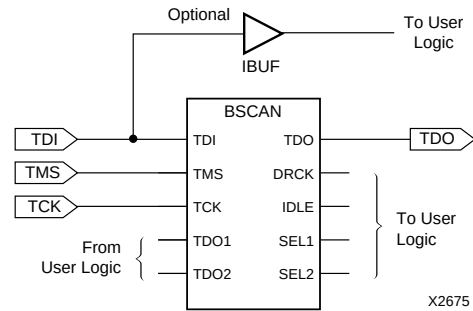
Avoiding Inadvertent Boundary Scan

If TMS or TCK is used as user I/O, care must be taken to ensure that at least one of these pins is held constant during configuration. In some applications, a situation may occur where TMS or TCK is driven during configuration. This may cause the device to go into boundary scan mode and disrupt the configuration process.

To prevent activation of boundary scan during configuration, do either of the following:

- TMS: Tie High to put the Test Access Port controller in a benign RESET state
- TCK: Tie High or Low—don't toggle this clock input.

For more information regarding boundary scan, refer to the Xilinx Application Note XAPP 017.001, "Boundary Scan in XC4000E Devices."



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Figure 43: Boundary Scan Schematic Example

Configuration

Configuration is the process of loading design-specific programming data into one or more FPGAs to define the functional operation of the internal blocks and their interconnections. This is somewhat like loading the command registers of a programmable peripheral chip. XC4000 Series devices use several hundred bits of configuration data per CLB and its associated interconnects. Each configuration bit defines the state of a static memory cell that controls either a function look-up table bit, a multiplexer input, or an interconnect pass transistor. The XACT^{step} development system translates the design into a netlist file. It automatically partitions, places and routes the logic and generates the configuration data in PROM format.

Special Purpose Pins

Three configuration mode pins (M2, M1, M0) are sampled prior to configuration to determine the configuration mode. After configuration, these pins can be used as auxiliary connections. M2 and M0 can be used as inputs, and M1 can be used as an output. The XACT^{step} development system does not use these resources unless they are explicitly specified in the design entry. This is done by placing a special pad symbol called MD2, MD1, or MD0 instead of the input or output pad symbol.

In XC4000 Series devices, the mode pins have weak pull-up resistors during configuration. With all three mode pins High, Slave Serial mode is selected, which is the most popular configuration mode. Therefore, for the most common configuration mode, the mode pins can be left unconnected. (Note, however, that the internal pull-up resistor value can be as high as 100 kΩ.) After configuration, these pins can individually have weak pull-up or pull-down resistors, as specified in the design. A pull-down resistor value of 4.7 kΩ is recommended.

These pins are located in the lower left chip corner and are near the readback nets. This location allows convenient routing if compatibility with the XC2000 and XC3000 family conventions of M0/RT, M1/RD is desired.

Configuration Modes

XC4000E devices have six configuration modes. XC4000X devices have the same six modes, plus an additional configuration mode. These modes are selected by a 3-bit input code applied to the M2, M1, and M0 inputs. There are three self-loading Master modes, two Peripheral modes, and a Serial Slave mode, which is used primarily for daisy-chained devices. The coding for mode selection is shown in [Table 18](#).

Table 18: Configuration Modes

Mode	M2	M1	M0	CCLK	Data
Master Serial	0	0	0	output	Bit-Serial
Slave Serial	1	1	1	input	Bit-Serial
Master Parallel Up	1	0	0	output	Byte-Wide, increment from 00000
Master Parallel Down	1	1	0	output	Byte-Wide, decrement from 3FFFF
Peripheral Synchronous*	0	1	1	input	Byte-Wide
Peripheral Asynchronous	1	0	1	output	Byte-Wide
Reserved	0	1	0	—	—
Reserved	0	0	1	—	—

* Can be considered byte-wide Slave Parallel

A detailed description of each configuration mode, with timing information, is included later in this data sheet. During configuration, some of the I/O pins are used temporarily for the configuration process. All pins used during configuration are shown in [Table 22 on page 58](#).

Master Modes

The three Master modes use an internal oscillator to generate a Configuration Clock (CCLK) for driving potential slave devices. They also generate address and timing for external PROM(s) containing the configuration data.

Master Parallel (Up or Down) modes generate the CCLK signal and PROM addresses and receive byte parallel data. The data is internally serialized into the FPGA data-frame format. The up and down selection generates starting addresses at either zero or 3FFFF (3FFFFFF when 22 address lines are used), for compatibility with different microprocessor addressing conventions. The Master Serial mode generates CCLK and receives the configuration data in serial form from a Xilinx serial-configuration PROM.

CCLK speed is selectable as either 1 MHz (default) or 8 MHz. Configuration always starts at the default slow frequency, then can switch to the higher frequency during the first frame. Frequency tolerance is -50% to +25%.

Additional Address lines in XC4000 devices

The XC4000X devices have additional address lines (A18-A21) allowing the additional address space required to daisy-chain several large devices.

The extra address lines are programmable in XC4000EX devices. By default these address lines are not activated. In the default mode, the devices are compatible with existing XC4000 and XC4000E products. If desired, the extra address lines can be used by specifying the address lines option in bitgen as 22 (bitgen -g AddressLines:22). The lines (A18-A21) are driven when a master device detects, via the bitstream, that it should be using all 22 address lines. Because these pins will initially be pulled high by internal pull-ups, designers using Master Parallel Up mode should use external pull down resistors on pins A18-A21. If Master Parallel Down mode is used external resistors are not necessary.

All 22 address lines are always active in Master Parallel modes with XC4000XL devices. The additional address lines behave identically to the lower order address lines. If the Address Lines option in bitgen is set to 18, it will be ignored by the XC4000XL device.

The additional address lines (A18-A21) are not available in the PC84 package.

Peripheral Modes

The two Peripheral modes accept byte-wide data from a bus. A RDY/BUSY status is available as a handshake signal. In Asynchronous Peripheral mode, the internal oscillator generates a CCLK burst signal that serializes the byte-wide data. CCLK can also drive slave devices. In the synchronous mode, an externally supplied clock input to CCLK serializes the data.

Slave Serial Mode

In Slave Serial mode, the FPGA receives serial configuration data on the rising edge of CCLK and, after loading its configuration, passes additional data out, resynchronized on the next falling edge of CCLK.

Multiple slave devices with identical configurations can be wired with parallel DIN inputs. In this way, multiple devices can be configured simultaneously.

Serial Daisy Chain

Multiple devices with different configurations can be connected together in a "daisy chain," and a single combined bitstream used to configure the chain of slave devices.

To configure a daisy chain of devices, wire the CCLK pins of all devices in parallel, as shown in [Figure 51 on page 60](#). Connect the DOUT of each device to the DIN of the next. The lead or master FPGA and following slaves each passes resynchronized configuration data coming from a single source. The header data, including the length count,

Setting CCLK Frequency

For Master modes, CCLK can be generated in either of two frequencies. In the default slow mode, the frequency ranges from 0.5 MHz to 1.25 MHz for XC4000E and XC4000EX devices and from 0.6 MHz to 1.8 MHz for XC4000XL devices. In fast CCLK mode, the frequency ranges from 4 MHz to 10 MHz for XC4000E/EX devices and from 5 MHz to 15 MHz for XC4000XL devices. The frequency is selected by an option when running the bitstream generation software. If an XC4000 Series Master is driving an XC3000- or XC2000-family slave, slow CCLK mode must be used. In addition, an XC4000XL device driving a XC4000E or XC4000EX should use slow mode. Slow mode is the default.

Table 19: XC4000 Series Data Stream Formats

Data Type	All Other Modes (D0...)
Fill Byte	11111111b
Preamble Code	0010b
Length Count	COUNT(23:0)
Fill Bits	1111b
Start Field	0b
Data Frame	DATA(n-1:0)
CRC or Constant Field Check	xxxx (CRC) or 0110b
Extend Write Cycle	—
Postamble	01111111b
Start-Up Bytes	xxh
Legend:	
Not shaded	Once per bitstream
Light	Once per data frame
Dark	Once per device

Data Stream Format

The data stream (“bitstream”) format is identical for all configuration modes.

The data stream formats are shown in [Table 19](#). Bit-serial data is read from left to right, and byte-parallel data is effectively assembled from this serial bitstream, with the first bit in each byte assigned to D0.

The configuration data stream begins with a string of eight ones, a preamble code, followed by a 24-bit length count and a separator field of ones. This header is followed by the actual configuration data in frames. The length and number of frames depends on the device type (see [Table 20](#) and [Table 21](#)). Each frame begins with a start field and ends with an error check. A postamble code is required to signal the end of data for a single device. In all cases, additional start-up bytes of data are required to provide four clocks for the startup sequence at the end of configuration. Long daisy chains require additional startup bytes to shift the last data through the chain. All startup bytes are don't-cares; these bytes are not included in bitstreams created by the Xilinx software.

A selection of CRC or non-CRC error checking is allowed by the bitstream generation software. The non-CRC error checking tests for a designated end-of-frame field for each frame. For CRC error checking, the software calculates a running CRC and inserts a unique four-bit partial check at the end of each frame. The 11-bit CRC check of the last frame of an FPGA includes the last seven data bits.

Detection of an error results in the suspension of data loading and the pulling down of the $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ pin. In Master modes, CCLK and address signals continue to operate externally. The user must detect $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ and initialize a new configuration by pulsing the $\overline{\text{PROGRAM}}$ pin Low or cycling Vcc.

used), and if RAM is present, the RAM content must be unchanged.

Statistically, one error out of 2048 might go undetected.

Configuration Sequence

There are four major steps in the XC4000 Series power-up configuration sequence.

- Configuration Memory Clear
- Initialization
- Configuration
- Start-Up

The full process is illustrated in Figure 46.

Configuration Memory Clear

When power is first applied or is reapplied to an FPGA, an internal circuit forces initialization of the configuration logic. When V_{CC} reaches an operational level, and the circuit passes the write and read test of a sample pair of configuration bits, a time delay is started. This time delay is nominally 16 ms, and up to 10% longer in the low-voltage devices. The delay is four times as long when in Master Modes (M0 Low), to allow ample time for all slaves to reach a stable V_{CC} . When all $\overline{INIT}$ pins are tied together, as recommended, the longest delay takes precedence. Therefore, devices with different time delays can easily be mixed and matched in a daisy chain.

This delay is applied only on power-up. It is not applied when re-configuring an FPGA by pulsing the $\overline{PROGRAM}$ pin

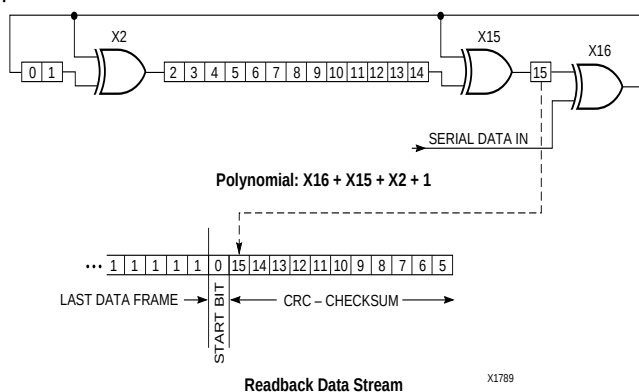


Figure 45: Circuit for Generating CRC-16

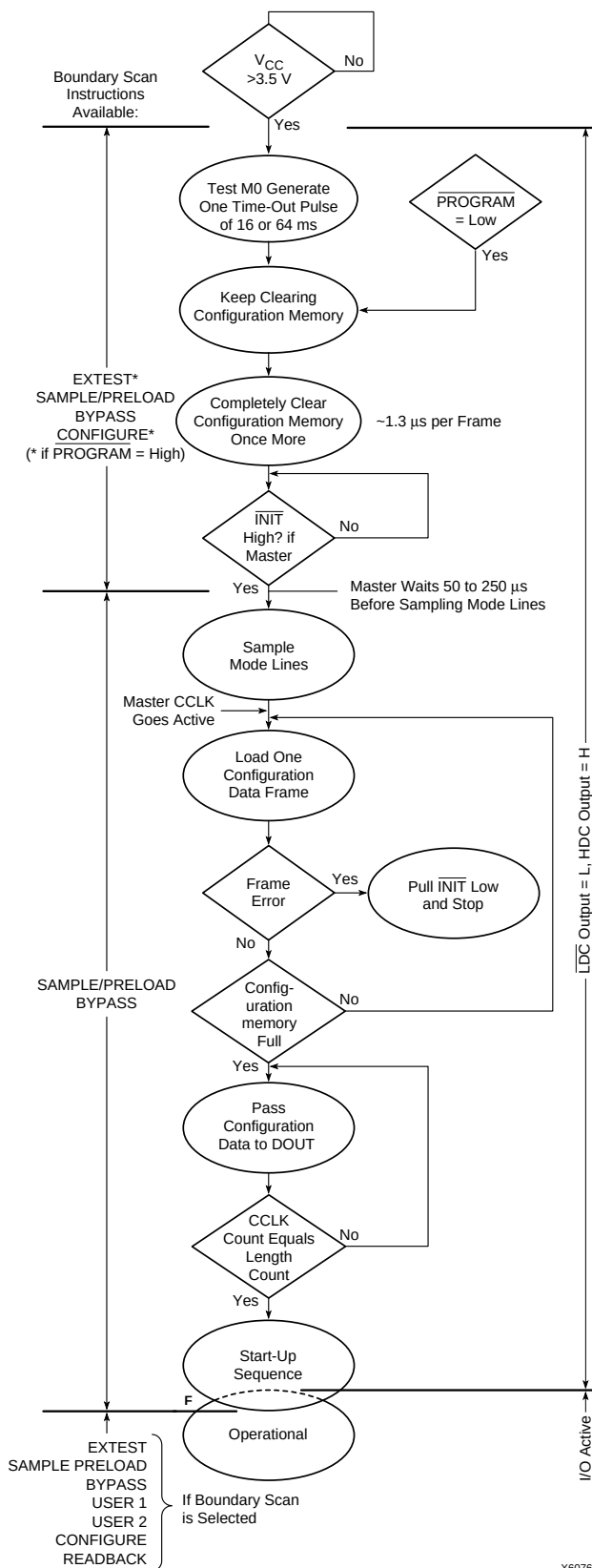
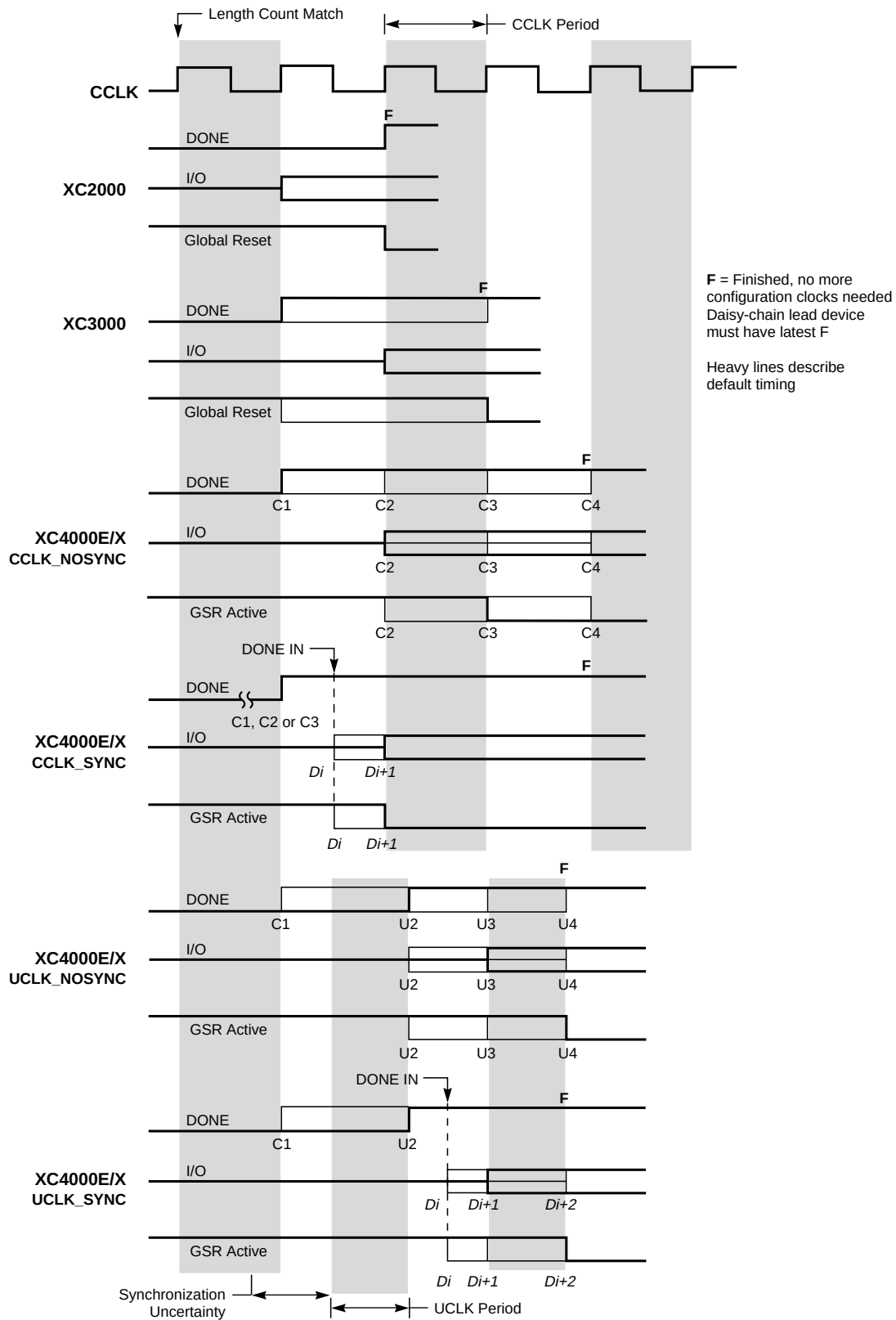


Figure 46: Power-up Configuration Sequence



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Figure 47: Start-up Timing

Start-up from a User Clock (STARTUP.CLK)

When, instead of CCLK, a user-supplied start-up clock is selected, Q1 is used to bridge the unknown phase relationship between CCLK and the user clock. This arbitration causes an unavoidable one-cycle uncertainty in the timing of the rest of the start-up sequence.

DONE Goes High to Signal End of Configuration

XC4000 Series devices read the expected length count from the bitstream and store it in an internal register. The length count varies according to the number of devices and the composition of the daisy chain. Each device also counts the number of CCLKs during configuration.

Two conditions have to be met in order for the DONE pin to go high:

- the chip's internal memory must be full, and
- the configuration length count must be met, *exactly*.

This is important because the counter that determines when the length count is met begins with the very first CCLK, not the first one after the preamble.

Therefore, if a stray bit is inserted before the preamble, or the data source is not ready at the time of the first CCLK, the internal counter that holds the number of CCLKs will be one ahead of the actual number of data bits read. At the end of configuration, the configuration memory will be full, but the number of bits in the internal counter will not match the expected length count.

As a consequence, a Master mode device will continue to send out CCLKs until the internal counter turns over to zero, and then reaches the correct length count a second time. This will take several seconds [$2^{24} * \text{CCLK period}$] — which is sometimes interpreted as the device not configuring at all.

If it is not possible to have the data ready at the time of the first CCLK, the problem can be avoided by increasing the number in the length count by the appropriate value. The *XACT User Guide* includes detailed information about manually altering the length count.

Note that DONE is an open-drain output and does not go High unless an internal pull-up is activated or an external pull-up is attached. The internal pull-up is activated as the default by the bitstream generation software.

Release of User I/O After DONE Goes High

By default, the user I/O are released one CCLK cycle after the DONE pin goes High. If CCLK is not clocked after DONE goes High, the outputs remain in their initial state — 3-stated, with a 50 k Ω - 100 k Ω pull-up. The delay from DONE High to active user I/O is controlled by an option to the bitstream generation software.

Release of Global Set/Reset After DONE Goes High

By default, Global Set/Reset (GSR) is released two CCLK cycles after the DONE pin goes High. If CCLK is not clocked twice after DONE goes High, all flip-flops are held in their initial set or reset state. The delay from DONE High to GSR inactive is controlled by an option to the bitstream generation software.

Configuration Complete After DONE Goes High

Three full CCLK cycles are required after the DONE pin goes High, as shown in [Figure 47 on page 53](#). If CCLK is not clocked three times after DONE goes High, readback cannot be initiated and most boundary scan instructions cannot be used.

Configuration Through the Boundary Scan Pins

XC4000 Series devices can be configured through the boundary scan pins. The basic procedure is as follows:

- Power up the FPGA with $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ held Low (or drive the $\overline{\text{PROGRAM}}$ pin Low for more than 300 ns followed by a High while holding $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ Low). Holding $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ Low allows enough time to issue the CONFIG command to the FPGA. The pin can be used as I/O after configuration if a resistor is used to hold $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ Low.
- Issue the CONFIG command to the TMS input
- Wait for $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ to go High
- Sequence the boundary scan Test Access Port to the SHIFT-DR state
- Toggle TCK to clock data into TDI pin.

The user must account for all TCK clock cycles after INIT goes High, as all of these cycles affect the Length Count compare.

For more detailed information, refer to the Xilinx application note XAPP017, “*Boundary Scan in XC4000 Devices*.” This application note also applies to XC4000E and XC4000X devices.

Configuration Timing

The seven configuration modes are discussed in detail in this section. Timing specifications are included.

Slave Serial Mode

In Slave Serial mode, an external signal drives the CCLK input of the FPGA. The serial configuration bitstream must be available at the DIN input of the lead FPGA a short setup time before each rising CCLK edge.

The lead FPGA then presents the preamble data—and all data that overflows the lead device—on its DOUT pin.

There is an internal delay of 0.5 CCLK periods, which means that DOUT changes on the falling CCLK edge, and the next FPGA in the daisy chain accepts data on the subsequent rising CCLK edge.

Figure 51 shows a full master/slave system. An XC4000 Series device in Slave Serial mode should be connected as shown in the third device from the left.

Slave Serial mode is selected by a <111> on the mode pins (M2, M1, M0). Slave Serial is the default mode if the mode pins are left unconnected, as they have weak pull-up resistors during configuration.

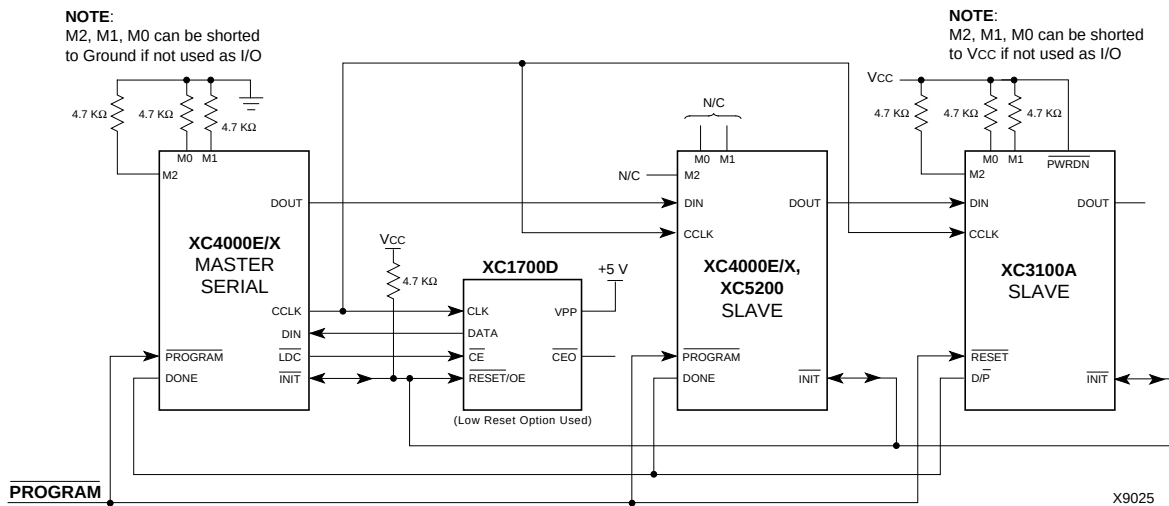
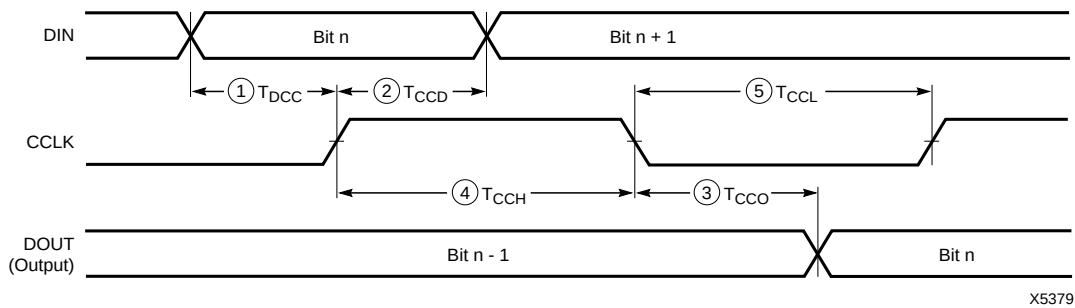


Figure 51: Master/Slave Serial Mode Circuit Diagram



	Description	Symbol		Min	Max	Units
CCLK	DIN setup	1	T _{DCC}	20		ns
	DIN hold	2	T _{CCD}	0		ns
	DIN to DOUT	3	T _{CCO}		30	ns
	High time	4	T _{CCH}	45		ns
	Low time	5	T _{CCL}	45		ns
	Frequency		F _{CC}		10	MHz

Note: Configuration must be delayed until the $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ pins of all daisy-chained FPGAs are High.

Figure 52: Slave Serial Mode Programming Switching Characteristics

Master Serial Mode

In Master Serial mode, the CCLK output of the lead FPGA drives a Xilinx Serial PROM that feeds the FPGA DIN input. Each rising edge of the CCLK output increments the Serial PROM internal address counter. The next data bit is put on the SPROM data output, connected to the FPGA DIN pin. The lead FPGA accepts this data on the subsequent rising CCLK edge.

The lead FPGA then presents the preamble data—and all data that overflows the lead device—on its DOUT pin. There is an internal pipeline delay of 1.5 CCLK periods, which means that DOUT changes on the falling CCLK edge, and the next FPGA in the daisy chain accepts data on the subsequent rising CCLK edge.

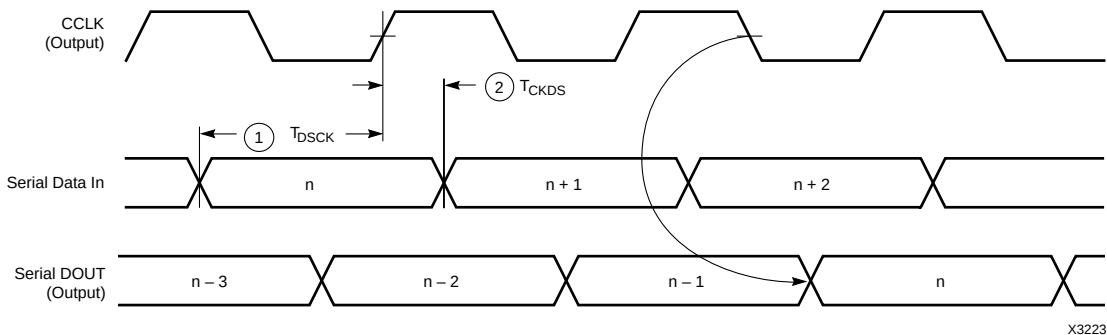
In the bitstream generation software, the user can specify Fast ConfigRate, which, starting several bits into the first frame, increases the CCLK frequency by a factor of eight.

For actual timing values please refer to “[Configuration Switching Characteristics](#)” on [page 68](#). Be sure that the serial PROM and slaves are fast enough to support this data rate. XC2000, XC3000/A, and XC3100A devices do not support the Fast ConfigRate option.

The SPROM CE input can be driven from either $\overline{\text{LDC}}$ or DONE. Using $\overline{\text{LDC}}$ avoids potential contention on the DIN pin, if this pin is configured as user-I/O, but $\overline{\text{LDC}}$ is then restricted to be a permanently High user output after configuration. Using DONE can also avoid contention on DIN, provided the early DONE option is invoked.

[Figure 51 on page 60](#) shows a full master/slave system. The leftmost device is in Master Serial mode.

Master Serial mode is selected by a <000> on the mode pins (M2, M1, M0).



	Description	Symbol	Min	Max	Units
CCLK	DIN setup	1 T_{DSCK}	20		ns
	DIN hold	2 T_{CKDS}	0		ns

Notes: 1. At power-up, Vcc must rise from 2.0 V to Vcc min in less than 25 ms, otherwise delay configuration by pulling PROGRAM Low until Vcc is valid.
2. Master Serial mode timing is based on testing in slave mode.

Figure 53: Master Serial Mode Programming Switching Characteristics

Master Parallel Modes

In the two Master Parallel modes, the lead FPGA directly addresses an industry-standard byte-wide EPROM, and accepts eight data bits just before incrementing or decrementing the address outputs.

The eight data bits are serialized in the lead FPGA, which then presents the preamble data—and all data that overflows the lead device—on its DOUT pin. There is an internal delay of 1.5 CCLK periods, after the rising CCLK edge that accepts a byte of data (and also changes the EPROM address) until the falling CCLK edge that makes the LSB (D0) of this byte appear at DOUT. This means that DOUT changes on the falling CCLK edge, and the next FPGA in the daisy chain accepts data on the subsequent rising CCLK edge.

The PROM address pins can be incremented or decremented, depending on the mode pin settings. This option allows the FPGA to share the PROM with a wide variety of microprocessors and micro controllers. Some processors must boot from the bottom of memory (all zeros) while others must boot from the top. The FPGA is flexible and can load its configuration bitstream from either end of the memory.

Master Parallel Up mode is selected by a <100> on the mode pins (M2, M1, M0). The EPROM addresses start at 00000 and increment.

Master Parallel Down mode is selected by a <110> on the mode pins. The EPROM addresses start at 3FFFF and decrement.

Additional Address lines in XC4000 devices

The XC4000X devices have additional address lines (A18-A21) allowing the additional address space required to daisy-chain several large devices.

The extra address lines are programmable in XC4000EX devices. By default these address lines are not activated. In the default mode, the devices are compatible with existing XC4000 and XC4000E products. If desired, the extra address lines can be used by specifying the address lines option in bitgen as 22 (bitgen -g AddressLines:22). The lines (A18-A21) are driven when a master device detects, via the bitstream, that it should be using all 22 address lines. Because these pins will initially be pulled high by internal pull-ups, designers using Master Parallel Up mode should use external pull down resistors on pins A18-A21. If Master Parallel Down mode is used external resistors are not necessary.

All 22 address lines are always active in Master Parallel modes with XC4000XL devices. The additional address lines behave identically to the lower order address lines. If the Address Lines option in bitgen is set to 18, it will be ignored by the XC4000XL device.

The additional address lines (A18-A21) are not available in the PC84 package.

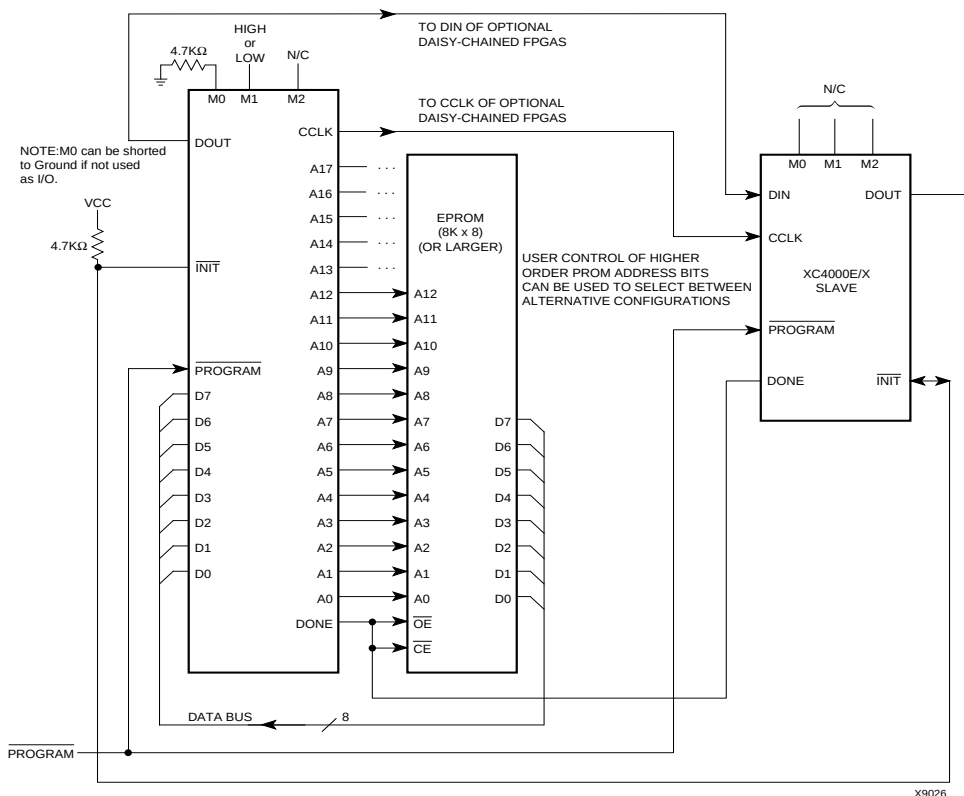


Figure 54: Master Parallel Mode Circuit Diagram

Synchronous Peripheral Mode

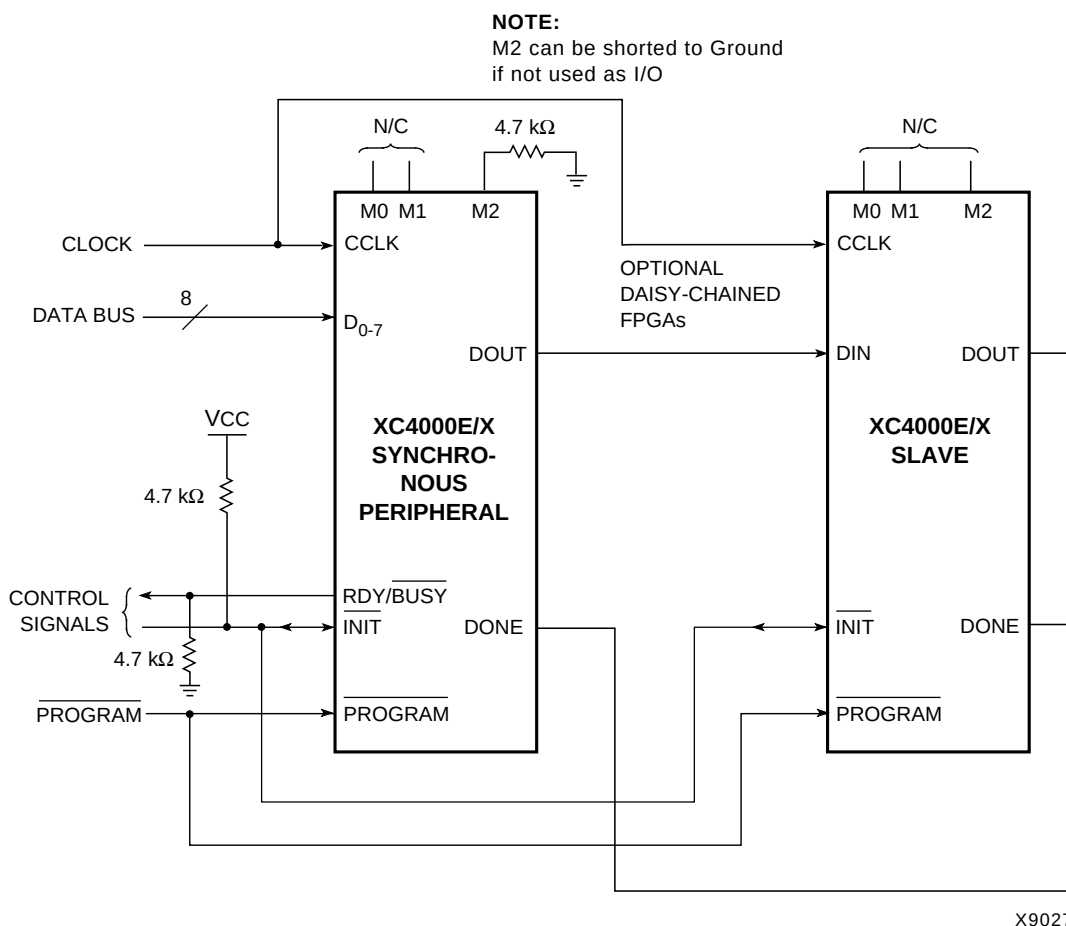
Synchronous Peripheral mode can also be considered Slave Parallel mode. An external signal drives the CCLK input(s) of the FPGA(s). The first byte of parallel configuration data must be available at the Data inputs of the lead FPGA a short setup time before the rising CCLK edge. Subsequent data bytes are clocked in on every eighth consecutive rising CCLK edge.

The same CCLK edge that accepts data, also causes the RDY/ $\overline{\text{BUSY}}$ output to go High for one CCLK period. The pin name is a misnomer. In Synchronous Peripheral mode it is really an ACKNOWLEDGE signal. Synchronous operation does not require this response, but it is a meaningful signal for test purposes. Note that RDY/ $\overline{\text{BUSY}}$ is pulled High with a high-impedance pullup prior to $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ going High.

The lead FPGA serializes the data and presents the preamble data (and all data that overflows the lead device) on its DOUT pin. There is an internal delay of 1.5 CCLK periods, which means that DOUT changes on the falling CCLK edge, and the next FPGA in the daisy chain accepts data on the subsequent rising CCLK edge.

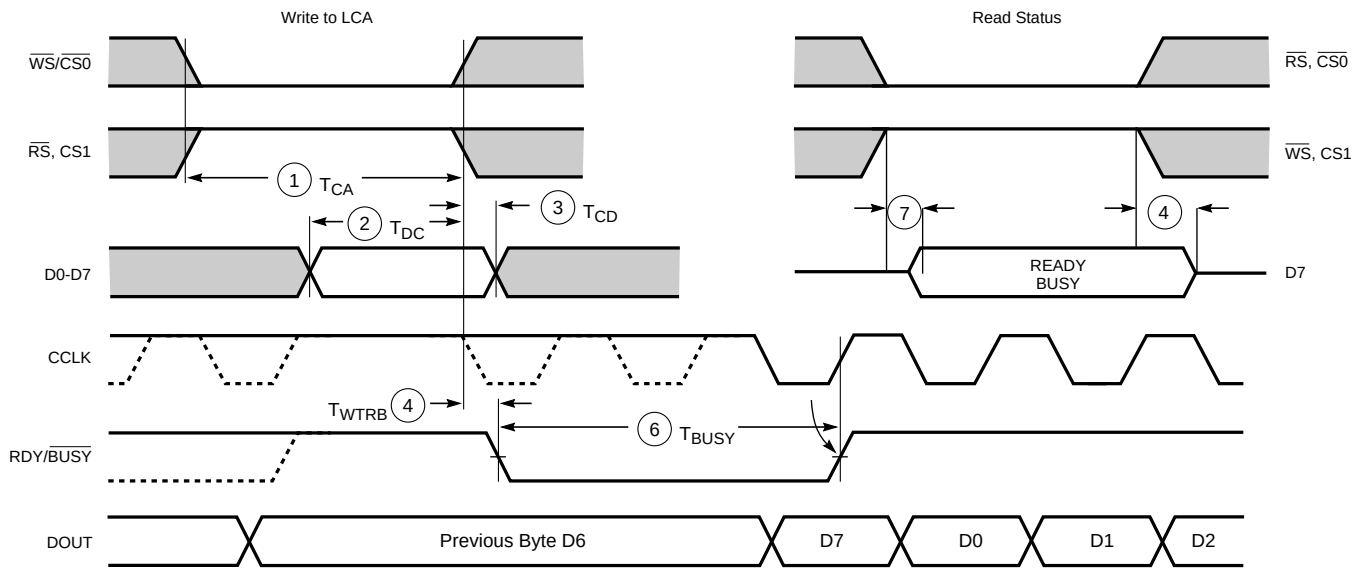
In order to complete the serial shift operation, 10 additional CCLK rising edges are required after the last data byte has been loaded, plus one more CCLK cycle for each daisy-chained device.

Synchronous Peripheral mode is selected by a <011> on the mode pins (M2, M1, M0).



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Figure 56: Synchronous Peripheral Mode Circuit Diagram



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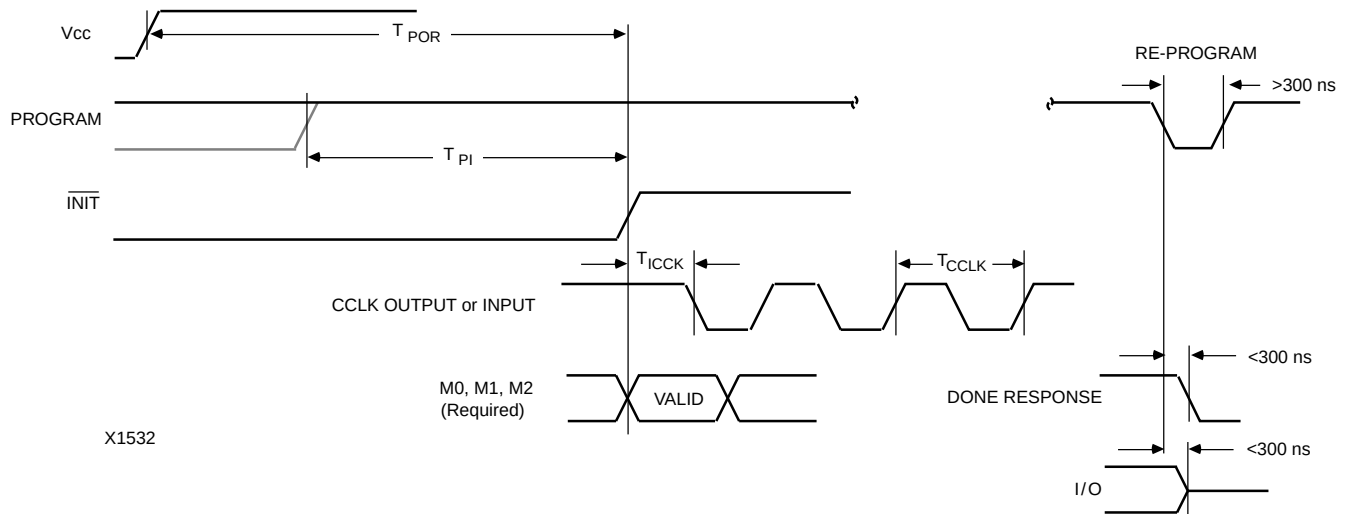
	Description	Symbol	Min	Max	Units
Write	Effective Write time (CS0, WS=Low; RS, CS1=High)	1 T_{CA}	100		ns
	DIN setup time	2 T_{DC}	60		ns
	DIN hold time	3 T_{CD}	0		ns
RDY	RDY/BUSY delay after end of Write or Read	4 T_{WTRB}		60	ns
	RDY/BUSY active after beginning of Read	7		60	ns
	RDY/BUSY Low output (Note 4)	6 T_{BUSY}	2	9	CCLK periods

- Notes:
1. Configuration must be delayed until the $\overline{INIT}$ pins of all daisy-chained FPGAs are High.
 2. The time from the end of $\overline{WS}$ to CCLK cycle for the new byte of data depends on the completion of previous byte processing and the phase of the internal timing generator for CCLK.
 3. CCLK and DOUT timing is tested in slave mode.
 4. T_{BUSY} indicates that the double-buffered parallel-to-serial converter is not yet ready to receive new data. The shortest T_{BUSY} occurs when a byte is loaded into an empty parallel-to-serial converter. The longest T_{BUSY} occurs when a new word is loaded into the input register before the second-level buffer has started shifting out data.

This timing diagram shows very relaxed requirements. Data need not be held beyond the rising edge of $\overline{WS}$. RDY/BUSY will go active within 60 ns after the end of $\overline{WS}$. A new write may be asserted immediately after RDY/BUSY goes Low, but write may not be terminated until RDY/BUSY has been High for one CCLK period.

Figure 59: Asynchronous Peripheral Mode Programming Switching Characteristics

Configuration Switching Characteristics



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Master Modes (XC4000E/EX)

Description		Symbol	Min	Max	Units
Power-On Reset	M0 = High	T_{POR}	10	40	ms
	M0 = Low	T_{POR}	40	130	ms
Program Latency		T_{PI}	30	200	μ s per CLB column
CCLK (output) Delay		T_{ICCK}	40	250	μ s
CCLK (output) Period, slow		T_{CCLK}	640	2000	ns
CCLK (output) Period, fast		T_{CCLK}	80	250	ns

Master Modes (XC4000XL)

Description		Symbol	Min	Max	Units
Power-On Reset	M0 = High	T_{POR}	10	40	ms
	M0 = Low	T_{POR}	40	130	ms
Program Latency		T_{PI}	30	200	μ s per CLB column
CCLK (output) Delay		T_{ICCK}	40	250	μ s
CCLK (output) Period, slow		T_{CCLK}	540	1600	ns
CCLK (output) Period, fast		T_{CCLK}	67	200	ns

Slave and Peripheral Modes (All)

Description	Symbol	Min	Max	Units
Power-On Reset	T_{POR}	10	33	ms
Program Latency	T_{PI}	30	200	μ s per CLB column
CCLK (input) Delay (required)	T_{ICCK}	4		μ s
CCLK (input) Period (required)	T_{CCLK}	100		ns